

NOTES FROM CITY HALL – OCTOBER 2024

A seasonal garbage shut off form was sent last month and is on the City website page. Please complete and return the form if you will be away this winter. Please complete a form EVEN if you submitted one for last year. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRUSH PILE HOURS WILL BE CHANGED TO 1:00 TO 4:00 PM ON SATURDAYS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 7th AND GOING TO THE END OF THE SEASON. The City brush pile (located at the sanitary sewer pond off County Road 14) is open. The hours are Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. PLEASE ALSO NOTE: Effective November 1st through November 27th the hours will be changed on Wednesdays to 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The brush pile will close for the season on November 27th at 5:00 pm. Open only to citizens of the City of Elysian. Leaves, brush, and tree wood allowed – no building materials.

Hydrants will be flushed (weather permitting) on November 21st.

FYI: Members of the HSEM Radiological Preparedness staff will be in Le Sueur County taking ambient radiation readings using Geiger counters between now and the end of October. They will have identification with them. If you would like more information on radiological preparedness visit their website: www.hsem.dps.mn.gov

Meet Your Candidates Event for local elections (Mayor and Council) will be held October 23rd at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post #311 - 104 Main Street East.

The Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the “Spook Trail” on Saturday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sakatah Singing Hills Trail will be decorated from the intersection of the Elysian Bank to the intersection of Main Street and Third Avenue SW. Businesses are encouraged to decorate as well. Candy will be given out along Main Street and on the trail. The Elysian Area Fire Department will be providing complimentary hot dogs, chips, and drink - 5:00 pm until gone at the Elysian Fire Hall. The Chamber needs volunteers to help set up the trail on the morning of the 26th, during the event that evening handing out candy, and help cleaning up later in the evening. To volunteer, please call 507-995-3146 or leave your information at City Hall. Monetary donations may be mailed to Elysian Area Chamber, P.O. Box 95, Elysian, 56028 or donations can be dropped off at City Hall.

Elysian American Legion Big Prize Bingo \$40 Packet – October 26th at 4:00 pm. Presale tickets available now.

Grab the girls and head to Elysian for the Shoppers on the Hunt Event – Saturday, November 9th. Prizes, Sales, Giveaways, Snacks, Beverages, and more from your favorite small-town shops!

Uptown Cuts Open House – Saturday, November 23rd 9:00 am to 12 noon.

Small Business Saturday – November 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Santa will be at the Main Street Venue. Contact Tasha for more information: 507-995-0687.

Mark your calendar: Holiday Lights Parade and Winter Fun will be Saturday, December 7th.

Per State Statute 88.171 there is no open burning of garbage allowed in the City of Elysian. Please be respectful to your neighbors and the environment.

UPCOMING ELYSIAN AREA LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER EVENTS: *Rabbit Stories* – Oct 26th at 11:00 am; *Nail Art* – Nov 4th at 6:00 pm; *Puzzle Derby* – Nov 6th at 9:00 am; *Kiddie Yoga* – Nov 9th at 10:00 am; *Little Explorers* – Nov 12th at 10:00 am; *Hot Glue Art* – Nov 18th at 6:00 pm. For questions about events or to register call 507-267-4411 or email libtle@tds.lib.mn.us A special thank you to all who donated, promoted, and bid on our online silent auction. Your support for our library is greatly appreciated.

The American Legion Post #311 Auxiliary will hold their Omelet Breakfast on the Second Sunday of the Month starting in September.

The Elysian Area Foundation is sponsoring Bingo on Friday evenings at the Elysian American Legion Club at 6:30 pm. Please contact Pat Nusbaum if you would like to volunteer – 507-317-0532.

ELYSIAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY OCTOBER 14, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Tom McBroom, Sr.; Councilmembers Bobby Houlihan, Dennis Schnoor, and Bryan Suemnick; City Administrator Lorri Kopischke; Public Works Director Ron Greenwald; City Attorney Jason Moran. Absent: Councilmember Derek Westby.

Approved the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Le Sueur County Captain Bruce Collins reported that there is nothing new to report in the City. Most calls for service have been for car/deer related accidents. Buoys and navigational markers have been removed from area lakes.

Steve Rohlfling, Le Sueur County Commissioner, reported that the preliminary levy was certified at 6.8%, Bolton & Menk will be assisting with the County Land Use Plan update, there will be maintenance to the Lake Tustin and Rays Lake outlets, the Government Center indoor remodel is complete and the parking lot will be completed by the end of October, the Emergency Management (EM) Deputy Director has resigned and the EM Department has been combined with the Sheriff's Department.

Public Comment: None.

Mark Sybilrud, 514 Lake Avenue NW, presented a photo of proposed signs to honor two local residents. These signs would be mounted on the welcome to Elysian signs. The signs would be \$150 each. The families would need to be contacted. The City would be asked to share in the cost of the signs.

Approved Resolution #922/24 – Conditional Use Permit to allow an eight-foot-tall fence on the west side of 210A Main Street East.

Set a public hearing for November 12, 2024 at 6:05 pm to receive public input on Ordinance No. 119/24 – Regulating Cannaboid and Hemp Derived Products, Ordinance No. 120/24 - Amending §156.067 C-1 Central Commercial Business District Allowing Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Sales in Retail and Eating and Drinking Establishments as an accessory use, Ordinance No. 121/24 – Amending §156.068 C-2 Highway Commercial District Allowing Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Sales in Retail and Eating and Drinking Establishments as an accessory use, Ordinance No. 122/24 – Amending §156.069 C-3 Neighborhood Commercial Service District Allowing Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Sales at Gas Stations and Convenience Stores as an accessory use, and Ordinance No. 123/24 – Amending §156.070 I Industrial District to allow the Manufacture and Retail Sales of Cannabinoid and Hemp Derived Products as a conditional use.

Approved W W Blacktopping, Inc. Pay Application #10 in the amount of \$10,326.54 which includes striping of Fifth Street SW and the saw and seal of the final pavement within the project area.

Did not accept the W W Blacktopping quote for the 4th Street Corridor Yard Drain. Will continue to watch the area.

Approved a quote from W W Blacktopping in the amount of \$12,066 for the Lewis Lane Repair and to pursue reimbursement from the contractor directly.

Approved a quote from Duluth Archaeological Center in the amount of \$6,391.74 to perform Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Sunset Park Local Trail Connection Grant as required by the State of MN.

Approved a quote from Ferguson Waterworks for a chemical feed pipe for Well #3 in the amount of \$998.38.

Approved a quote from Lentz Seamless Gutters, LLC for gutters on the Tourism Center in the amount of \$1,725.

Approved Resolution #923/24 – Request for Off Site Lawful Gambling – Fire Relief Bingo December 7, 2024

Approved quotes from Generator System Services, Inc. for a generator at Lift Station #2 (\$29,774.80) and City Hall (\$40,167.20) and approved Resolution #924/24 to allocate ARPA Funds toward payment of generators.

Approved to NOT waive monetary limits on Tort Liability established by MN Statutes § 466.04.

Approved to close streets for the Spook Trail event October 26, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Scheduled a budget workshop meeting for October 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Approved an update to the Personnel Policy Safe and Sick Time to include Bereavement Leave.

Accepted the notice of intent of non-renewal of appointment from City Attorney Moran and authorized RFPs.

Reported City Administrator performance review was held, and Administrator met or exceeded all requirements of the position.

Approved bills, payroll, and transfers in the amount of \$145,953.97.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:43 pm to discuss purchase of real estate. The meeting reopened at 8:04 pm and was then adjourned at 8:10 pm.